

1. A method operated by a first entity for notifying given individuals of a second entity of required appearances, comprising:

having the first entity schedule a given appearance date for a given event;

identifying a list of one or more individuals of the second entity that are expected
5 to be associated with the given event on the given appearance date;

for a given individual on the list, issuing a notification to the given individual
identifying the given event and the given appearance date, the notification including a
given request type and including an acknowledgement;

wherein one or more of the steps are performed by one or more electronic
10 processing devices.

2. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the first entity is a court and
the second entity is a law enforcement agency.

15 3. The method as described in claim 2 wherein the given event is a court
appearance and the given individuals are police officers.

4. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the notification is an
electronic communication.

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5. The method as described in claim 4 wherein the electronic communication
is an email and the acknowledgement is a hypertext link within the email.

6. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the given request type is
25 selected from a set of request types that include appear, standby, disregard or not set.

7. The method as described in claim 1 further including the step of issuing a
notification to all of the given individuals on the list concurrently.

30 8. The method as described in claim 7 wherein the notification places all of
the given individuals on the list in a given status as a function of the given request type.

9. The method as described in claim 1 further including the step of adding an individual to the list of individuals.

5 10. The method as described in claim 1 further including the steps of:
changing the given appearance date, and:
for a given individual on the list, issuing a notification to the given individual identifying the given event and the changed appearance date, the notification including a given request type and including an acknowledgement.

10 11. The method as described in claim 1 further including the step of issuing an escalation notice if the given individual does not respond to the acknowledgement within a given time period.

15 12. The method as described in claim 11 wherein the escalation notice is issued to the given individual and to the given individual's supervisor.

13. A computer-implemented method operated by a court for notifying given individuals of a law enforcement agency of required court appearances, comprising:

having the court schedule a given appearance date for a given event;

5 identifying a list of one or more individuals of the law enforcement entity that are expected to be associated with the given event on the given appearance date;

for a given individual on the list, issuing a first notification to the given individual identifying the given event and the given appearance date, the notification including a given request type and including an acknowledgement;

10 determining whether the given individual has issued a given response to the acknowledgement within a given time period; and

if the given individual has not issued a given response to the acknowledgement with the given time period, issuing a second notification to the given individual and to the given individual's supervisor,

15 wherein one or more of the steps are performed by one or more electronic processing devices.

14. The method as described in claim 13 wherein the first notification is an email and the acknowledgement is a hypertext link within the email.

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15. The method as described in claim 13 wherein the given request type is selected from a set of request types that include appear, standby, disregard or not set.

16. The method as described in claim 13 further including the step of
25 maintaining a notification history for each given individual on the list.

17. The method as described in claim 13 further including the step of:
having the individual's supervisor issue a given response to the second
notification, wherein the given response to the second notification is provided by the
30 individual's supervisor on the given individual's behalf.

18. The method as described in claim 17 wherein the given response to the second notification is provided with an associated exception.

19. A method operated by a court for notifying given individuals of a law enforcement agency of required court appearances, comprising:

scheduling each of set of given individuals to a given court appearance on a appearance date, wherein each given individual also has an associated appear or standby status;

determining whether the given appearance date has been changed;

if the given appearance date has been changed, determining an alternative appearance date that does not conflict with the schedules of the given individuals and automatically providing each of the given individuals with a given notification, the notification including a given request type and including an acknowledgement;

wherein one or more of the steps are performed by one or more electronic processing devices.

20. The method as described in claim 19 wherein the given notification is an email indicating that the given court appearance on the given appearance date should be disregarded.

21. The method as described in claim 19 further including the step of changing the appear or standby status to a not notified status.

22. The method as described in claim 19 wherein the alternative appearance date is determined programmatically.

23. The method as described in claim 19 wherein the alternative appearance date is determined manually.